

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests consideration and allowance of the subject application. Claims 9, 11, 21, 25, 35, 39, 43, and 46 have been canceled in response to the Election/Restriction requirement. No claims are amended, and claims 1-8, 10, 12-20, 22-24, 26-34, 36-38, 40-42, 44-45, and 47-49 are pending.

Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121

The claims are subjected to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 and are characterized by the Office as containing three distinct species (*Office Action* p.2):

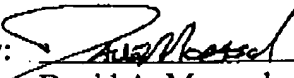
- I. Species I (Fig.6) Claims 1-8, 10, 12-19, 22-24, 26-34, 36-38, 40-42, 44-45, and 47-49;
- II. Species II (Fig.7) Claims 9, 21, 35, and 43; and
- III. Species III (Fig.8) Claims 11, 25, 39, 46).

The Office states that claims 1-5, 26-29, and 48 are generic (*Office Action* p.2).

Accordingly, Applicant hereby elects to prosecute claims 1-8, 10, 12-20, 22-24, 26-34, 36-38, 40-42, 44-45, and 47-49 (Generic and Species I), and to cancel claims 9, 11, 21, 25, 35, 39, 43, and 46 (Species II and III) without prejudice. If any issues remain that preclude issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent Action.

Respectfully Submitted,

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